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H. R. 709

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. NORWOOD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. FROST, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HALL, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. GORDON, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. CALVERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Prescription
5 Access Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS PHARMACIES TO DISPENSE MEDICA-**
3 **TIONS TO VETERANS ON PRESCRIPTIONS**
4 **WRITTEN BY PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 1712(d) of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(d) Subject to section 1722A of this title, the Sec-
8 retary shall furnish to a veteran such drugs and medicines
9 as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physi-
10 cian in the treatment of any illness or injury of the vet-
11 eran.”.

12 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—(1) The heading of
13 section 1712 of such title is amended by striking the sixth
14 through ninth words.

15 (2) The item relating to section 1712 in the table of
16 sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is
17 amended by striking the sixth through ninth words.

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